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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, we are enclosing form PTO-1449 listing information that may be material to the patentability of this application.

We are also enclosing a copy of each of the following citations that are listed in form PTO-1449:

PCT Publication No. WO 99/03388

Articles entitled "PORTABLE MIXER," "HAND MIXERS" and "ROBOT COUPE."

Cited in the attached PTO-1449 are U.S. Patent Nos. 6,193,404, D271,176, D308,001, D314,489, D323,955, D326,585, D327,603, D345,075, D345,076, D347,965, D348,587, D358,293, D361,241, D388,536, D392,504, D396,775, D398,809, D400,756, D408,214, D421,872, D426,105, D437,184, D447,380, D456,206 and 5,366,286. Pursuant to the waiving of the requirement of 37 CFR 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of these U.S. references are not enclosed.

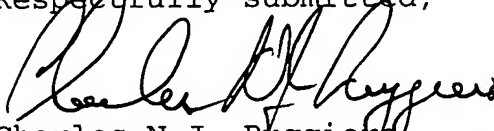
It is applicant's belief that none of the above citations describe that which is claimed in the present invention.

It should be understood that attention has been called to the citations that have been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed citations and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the filing of the application, no petition or fee is required.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and
that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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	D271,176	11/1/83	Zimnowicz	D7	379	
	D308,001	5/22/90	Ricard	D7	379	
	D314,489	2/12/91	Van Deursen et al.	D7	379	
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	D326585	6/2/92	van Asten	D7	376	
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	D426,105	6/6/00	Littman	D7	376	
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